BLUE BOOK

FOR THE USE OF

Subordinate Divisions

OF THE ORDER OF THE

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

PART I.

No part of the Blue Book shall be altered or printed, except at the express direction of the National Division. Any Officer or member who shall retain same, in whole or in part, after the expiration of his (or her) term of service, or who shall directly or indirectly permit any part to be copied or exposed, shall be regarded as violating one of the most solemn Obligations of the Order, and shall be disciplined accordingly.

Subordinate Divisions may omit such portions of the Ritual as they may think proper, except the forms for Examining Candidates, and administering the Obligations of the Order.

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To the Order of the Sons of Temperance of North America:

At the sixty-first annual session of the National Division, held at Asbury Park, N. J., July 12-13, 1905, the revision of the Blue Book was referred to the following Committee: Alfred Noon, P. G. W. P., of Massachusetts; David M. Turner, P. G. W. P., of Pennsylvania; William P. Compton, P. G. W. P., of New Jersey; John W. Cummings, P. G. W. P., of Eastern New York; William B. Burgoyne, M. W. P., and Ross Slack, M. W. S., ex-officio. Brothers Turner and Compton were unable to meet wth the Committee, and Brother Cummings was not present at the following session of the National Division at Toronto, Ontario, July 11-12, 1906, therefore William R. Geldert, P. G. W. A., of Nova Scotia, and Thomas T. Jones, P. G. W. P., of Pennsylvania, were added to the Committee.

The above named Committee submitted a revised form of the Blue Book at the Sixty-second annual session of the National Division, held at Toronto, Ontario, July 11-12, 1906. The new Blue Book thus reported, with slight alterations and amendments was nearly unanimously adopted as set forth in the following pages, and ordered to be in force and effect on the first of October, 1906, and to be in general use by the several Subordinate Divisions of the Order by the first of July, 1907.

ROLAND M. EAVENSON,
Most Worthy Patriarch.

Dated, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 1, 1906.

CUSTODY OF PRIVATE WORK.

The Blue Book and Officers' Cards should be kept by the Worthy Patriarch, who is responsible for them. They will be more carefully preserved by being kept in a suitable box.

The Worthy Patriarch, expecting to be absent, should place the box containing them in possession of the Worthy Associate. with the key.

The Worthy Patriarch may allow any Officer to take a Card, for the purpose of learning his (or her) part—requiring it to be returned within a reasonable time.

Immediately after Initation, the Conductor shall collect the Officers' Cards and deliver them to the Worthy Patriarch.

OUR EMBLEM.

The **Star** represents the light which **Temperance** has shed upon the world in darkness.

The **Triangle** includes an expression of the cardinal principles of the order—**Love, Purity, and Fidelity**: **Love,** the inspiring motive to do good to all men, and especially to the members of the order; **Purity** in heart and conduct, and freedom from all base and selfish motives and views; and **Fidelity** in redeeming every vow and pledge, and in promoting the interest of the Order in the world.

Passwords.

I All the general Passwords of the Order emanate from the Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division of North America.

II. The general Passwords are:

1. An Annual Password for Grand Divisions.
2. A Quarterly Password and Explanation for Subordinate Division members.
3. An Annual Traveling Password and Explanation for members of Subordinate Divisions, to be accompanied by the Traveling Card.

III. All Annual Passwords shall be changed at the first meeting in October.

IV. In changing the Quarterly Password and Explanation, each member, if entitled, shall receive it from the Worthy Patriarch, in a low whisper.

V. Members shall not be allowed to visit Divisions, other than those to which they are attached, without the Quarterly Password and its Explanation and the Salutation; or the Traveling Password and its Explanation, with the Card, and the Salutation; unless duly vouched for.

Gavel.

One rap of the Gavel calls to order, and seats the Division. Two raps call up the Officers. Three raps call up the Division. Four raps call up the Division to form the Circle of Fraternity, and in salutation.

Traveling Members.

I. The Traveling Password and Explanation shall be given by the Worthy Patriarch to members going abroad, who may be in regular standing at the time of making application for the same.

II. A member desiring to visit a Division with the Traveling Password, Explanation and Card, shall cause the same to be announced to the W. P. through the I. S. The W. P. shall direct the P. W. P. to retire and examine the applicant in the Traveling Password and Explanation, and see that the Card is duly signed and sealed. The P. W. P., if satisfied, will so report to the W. P., who will direct the admission of the visitor in the usual form, except that no Password or Explanation is required.

III. A traveling member may be admitted on the Traveling Password and Explanation in use at the date of the Card.

IV. It shall be proper for a W. Patriarch to communicate the Traveling Password and Explanation to a P. W. Patriarch, and vice versa.

Rituals.

A set of Ritual consists of one Blue Book and one set of Officers' Cards. No National or Grand Division Officer shall furnish to a Subordinate Division a second set, or duplicate parts thereof, unless their old ones are returned, or satisfactory assurance given that they are destroyed.

Regalia.

To preserve uniformity, all Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance shall be known by their Regalia: White Collar, White Tassels, and Rosette

of Red, White and Blue, corresponding with the Motto, "Love, Purity and Fidelity." To distinguish the members filling the various official stations, the following Emblems shall be added to their regalia:

Acting Past Worthy Patriarch—Flat Silver Star, six points, about three inches from point to point, on a ground of Red Velvet, circular form, trimmed with Silver Cord or Gimp and Blue Ribbon ,worn on the left side of Regalia.

Worthy Patriarch—Crossed Silver Mallets to correspond, same ground and trimmings, worn as above.

Worthy Associate—Miniature Collar, as above.

Recording Scribe—Crossed Pens and Scroll, as above.

Assistant Recording Scribe—Single Pen, as above.
Financial Scribe—Crossed Pens, as above.
Treasurer—Crossed Keys, as above.
Chaplain—Open Book, as above.
Conductor—Crossed Wands, as above.
Assistant Conductor—Goblet, as above.
Inside Sentinel—Crossed Swords, as above.
Outside Sentinel—An Eye, as above.

Superintendent of Young People's Work—Shield with Water Lily and Sword, as above.

Past Worthy Patriarchs, and Members of a Grand Division—Red Collar, Rosette of Blue, White and Red, Silver Button in the center, Silver Tassels, and Silver Lace half inch wide around the outside and inside edges.

Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch—A silver six-pointed Star in a gilt Triangle, suspended by a blue ribbon on left side of Grand Division Regalia.

Past Grand Worthy Patriarchs and Members of the National Division—Blue Collar, Rosette of Red, Blue and White, Gold Button in the center, Gold Lace and Tassels, in styles corresponding with the above.

All Regalia shall be the same shape, but may be of different lengths.

The National Division declares as irregular all badges and insignia of whatsoever kind, except the collar with the usual emblems for officers, originally used by the Order.

Young Peoples' Societies.

The Order recognizes as Juvenile organizations the Loyal Crusaders, Bands of Hope, and Cadets of Temperance, or any other Juvenile Temperance Society that may be approved by the National Division.

OPENING SERVICE.

[Precisely at the appointed time, the W. P. should take the chair, and give **one rap** with the gavel.

The Conductor, hearing the rap, will rise and make proclamation as follows:]

Con. The Worthy Patriarch being now about to open.....Division, No....., in accordance with the established Usages of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, if there be any present not justly privileged to remain, they will please retire. The officers and members will clothe themselves in appropriate Regalia, and take their places.

W. P. The Conductor will see if the officers are at their appointed stations, and report.

[The Conductor begins with the O. S., examining each station up to the W. P., reporting vacancies.

The W. P. fills vacancies and the names of the members so appointed shall be entered on the minutes.]

[One rap.]

W. P. The members will remain seated until after the examination. The Assistant Conductor will now take charge of the outer door, and desire

the Outside Sentinel to enter for examination. The Inside Sentinel will pass the Assistant Conductor.*

[The O. S. enters and addresses the W. P.]

O. S. I await your pleasure Worthy Patriarch.

W. P. Your duty?

O. S. To guard well the outer door—admit no one without the Quarterly Password, unless permitted by the Worthy Patriarch—and forewarn members not to disturb the Opening, Initiatory, or Closing Ceremonies.

W. P. You will advance and give the Password. (Does so.) Correct—your station requires, and we expect it will receive your strict attention. Retire to your post.

[The O. S. and A. C. resume their stations.]

W. P. The Conductor and Assistant Conductor will now advance and give the Password and Explanation.

[They do so, in a whisper.]

W. P. Correct. Your next duty?

Con. To satisfy ourselves that all present are equally qualified—and if any give more or less than this, to report to you.

W. P. You will now carefully perform that duty.

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*The salutation is not to be used by officers when retiring or entering in the discharge of their duties.

[The Con. will take the right, and the A. C. the left of the W. P., and examine carefully every one present. If any one gives more or less than the Password and Explanation, the Con., or A. C., reports the name and Division of the member incorrect.]

W. P. Can any one vouch that this person is a member of our Order in regular standing?

[If there be no voucher satisfactory to the Worthy Patriarch and the Division, the person must retire to the anteroom. Every member vouching must rise and address the chair. See page 4, section 2, for admission Traveling Members.]

Con. Worthy Patriarch—All correct on the right.

A. C. Worthy Patriarch—All correct on the left.

W. P. The I. S. will now explain the duty of that office.

I. S. I am to allow none to enter or retire during the Opening, Initiatory, or Closing Ceremonies—to admit no one at any time without the entering signal, and the Explanation to the Quarterly Password, unless by your direction.

W. P. An important duty—faithfully perform it.

[Three raps. W. P. rises.]

W. P. Officers and Members: We meet to interchange the greetings of an exalted friendship; to counsel, admonish, and strengthen one another in the discharge of duty; and to deliberate on the means best adapted to promote the objects for which we are associated.

It is but reasonable to expect that matters will be introduced which will strike your minds in different forms. To discuss such matters with freedom, is our equal privilege, and to yield a cheerful compliance to the constituted majority, our equal duty. In this an opportunity is afforded to manifest our love for the Order, and to guard against every ungenerous sentiment or dishonorable action.

Our mission is one of benevolence—to destroy the destroyer of millions—to conquer the enemy of our people, and to promote the virtue and happiness of mankind.

Let us, therefore, be strong and temperate in our cause—prompt in the transaction of business—courteous in debate, charitable in our judgment of others, faithful to our vows, careful to avoid all wrangling and vain dispute, ever keeping in mind that he who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his own spirit, than he that taketh a city.

Thus shall we most surely advance the interests of our Order, and illustrate how sweet and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

[Division sing.]

Tune.—Portland.

Yes, we in those principles join,
And such shall our actions display;
Our hands and our hearts shall combine
To extent their beneficent sway.

Our laws we will ever respect,
Arise all contentions above—
And stand by each other erect,
In Purity, Friendship and Love.

[One rap.]

W. P. You will please give attention to the Chaplain.

[The following form of prayer may be used, and if preferred, a passage of scripture may be read.]

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for sparing us to meet together at this time, and implore Thy blessing on our assembly; for we would begin and continue all our work in Thy name. Let every thought we breathe be in harmony with Thy will. Help us in word and life to rescue our fellow men from the sin of intemperance, and to instruct and train the young people in the practice of total abstinence from all that intoxicates. Vouchsafe unto all our members, whether present or absent every needful blessing, and may we have a pleasant and profitable meeting, and amid the duties of daily life may we carry with us the spirit of Him "who went about doing good." Pardon all our shortcomings and crown us in Thy Kingdom, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

W. P. I now declare this Division open for the transaction of its appropriate business, and the dissemination of the principles of Love, Purity and Fidelity.

[The W. P. instructs the Inside Sentinel to inform all members in the ante-room that the Division is open, and require them to enter, and then proceeds according to the Order of Business.]

Note.—No Retiring Password is to be used. The W. P. may, under important circumstances, direct the Inside Sentinel to permit no member to leave the room.

Order of Business.

RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL DIVISION.

1. Opening of the Division.
2. Roll of Officers called.
3. Reading of Records of last meeting.
4. Proposals for Membership, by Initiation or by Card.
5. Report of Committees on Candidates for Membership.
6. Balloting for Candidates.
7. Initiation of Candidates.
8. Are any of the Members sick?
9. Reports of Visiting Committees.
10. Has any member violated the Pledge?
11. Reception and disposal of Communications and Bills.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Unfinished Business.
14. Collection of Dues.
15. New Business.
16. Good of the Order.
17. Closing the Division.

The "Order of Business" may be changed to suit circumstances by the presiding officer, but no item can be omitted without a majority vote of the Division.

Election of Officers.—Last regular meetings in March, June, September and December.

Installation of Officers.—First regular meetings in January, April, July and October.

General Election of Representatives to the Grand Division.—First regular meeting in the term in which the annual session of the Grand Division is held.

Ceremony of Initiation.

[One rap.]

W. P. The Assistant Conductor will see if there are any Candidates to be initiated.

[The A. C. will proceed to the ante-room, and if there are any Candidates will report as follows:]

A. C. Worthy Patriarch.....is in waiting.

[Report the name in full.]

W. P. Recording Scribe, has the Candidate been elected?

R. S. He (or she) has.

W. P. The A. C. will now conduct our Worthy Associate and Financial Scribe to the ante-room to perform their duties.

[While the candidate is being examined in the ante-room, the Con. should see that the members are arranged to best advantage, and that t. e Water, Goblets, Regalia, etc., are in readiness, so that nothing shall occur to mar the ceremony.]

W. A. My Friend: You are at the threshold of an institution, the central principle of which is Total Abstinence from all Intoxicating Drinks, and whose prominent characteristic is a self-denying devotion to the good of Mankind.

On entering our Order, you will be required to take a solemn obligation to abstain from the manufacture, traffic, and use, as a beverage, of all Spirituous and Malt Liquors, Wine and Cider.

Our object is to annihilate the sale and use of these drinks; and you may be assured that your religious and political opinions will not be interfered with. After this avowal of our obligation and object, is it your desire to become a Member of our Order?

[The Candidate, if willing, replies: It is.]

W. A. Are you in good health?

[This question is to be asked only in case of beneficiaries.]

[Candidate replies.]

[At any point in the examination, the Candidate may retire if disqualified, and the W. A. will report accordingly. The Initiation Fee, if paid, shall in such cases be refunded.]

W. A. Please be seated until I report.

[The A. C. remains with the Candidate. The W. A. and F. S. enter the Division, and report:]

W. A. Worthy Patriarch, the Candidate is qualified, and willing to proceed.

F. S. Worthy Patriarch, the fee is paid.

W. P. The members will observe the utmost decorum during the Ceremony of Initiation. This is a most important service and merits our closest attention.

W. P. Let the signal be given.

[The I. S. gives one knock on the door. The A. C. hearing the signal leads the Candidate to the door, and gives two knocks.]

I. S. Who knocks?

A. C. The A. C., with a stranger.

I. S. Why cometh the stranger?

A. C. To enter the gates of our Order.

I. S. Is the stranger worthy?

A. C. The stranger is worthy.

I. S. Our doors are closed only to the unworthy.

[The door is thrown open—the Con. takes the Candidate by the hand.]

Con. Welcome to the worthy!

[Three raps. Division sings.]

Tune.—Greenville.

Traveler through a world of danger,
Welcome to a refuge here;
Safety to the trusting stranger,
Safety from the tempter's snare.

[During the singing the Candidate is led around the room —the Con. in front, A. C. following the Candidate. When the singing is finished, the Con., Candidate and A. C. should be near the center of the room, facing the Worthy Patriarch the Conductor to the right of the W. P.]

[One rap.]

Chap. Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow?
Who hath contentions?
Who hath wounds without cause?

P. W. P. They that tarry long at the wine!
They that seek strong drink!

Chap.. Look not upon the wine when it is red,
When it giveth its color in the cup;
For at the last it biteth like a serpent,
And stingeth like an adder.

Div. respond. Look not upon the wine!

A. Con. Behold another
Who renounces the wine,
And turns away from strong drink!

Div. respond. Welcome! Welcome!

Con. Yes, Welcome!
Here, you are safe
From the all-pervading Destroyer!
He comes in the mask of kindness.
He whispers, "Be merry, be social,"
And proffers the cup of enchantment.

Div. respond. Dash it down.

A. Con. Yes, dash it down!
Touch but a drop with your lips,
And behold a vast ocean surrounds you,
To ruin and sink you forever!

Con. Trust not the perfidious Destroyer;
Wherever he cometh he smiteth!
He spares not the high nor the humble;
He withers the vigor of youth,
And dishonors the grey hairs of age!

A. Con. One circle he never can enter—
One place is secure from his ravage—
That glorious refuge is **here!**

Div. respond. It is here! It is here!

Con. Then, welcome again to the stranger,
Who heeds not the voice of the Tempter—
But turns from his snares and enchantments
To enter our Circle of Honor—
Where each member strengthens the other
And is to the world an example!

Tune, Boylston.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in purest love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

[Three raps.]

Con. Worthy Patriarch, I have the pleasure of introducing.....who has been duly proposed and accepted as a suitable Candidate for Initiation into our Order.

W. P. Respected Friend: Are you still willing to adopt our principles and assume our obligations? If so, place your right hand on the heart, and each member will do the same as a token of fidelity. You will now repeat after me our pledge, using your name where I use mine.

I, ..., without reserve, ||solemnly pledge my honor,|| in the presence of these witnesses, ||that I will neither make, buy, sell, nor use,|| as a beverage, || any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider.

You will also give your assent to the following:

I also pledge myself to promote the harmony, advance the interest, and maintain, on my part, the reputation of the Sons of Temperance

I furthermore pledge myself faithfully to observe the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, and the Rules and Usages of the Order; and never to divulge any Password, Ceremony, or other Private

Matter of the Order, except to those legally authorized to receive them; and whether my connection with the Order shall continue or not, to consider my obligation in respect to secrecy binding to the end of life.

[The Candidate responds, "I do." After the obligation the members drop their hands.]

[One rap.]

[The W. A. steps down, and the Con. pours water into a goblet for the Candidate (if more than one Candidate, a goblet for each), and in another for the W. P., during which the W. A., pointing to the water, addresses the Candidate.]

W. A. This which you now behold is sparkling water—
The beverage prepared by God himself
To nourish and invigorate his creatures,
And beautify his footstool.
As thus you see its countless drops unite
And blend in one, so may we blend together
In one unruffled stream,
Whose purity shall wash away the stains
Of black Intemperance.

[The W. A. returns to the station. The Con. hands a goblet of water to the W. P. and another to the Candidate. The W. P. addressing the Candidate says:]

W. P. And as one stain would discolor this whole element of purity, so would one unworthy member bring reproach upon our whole Order. In this pure element, an emblem of our Order, we solemnly pledge fidelity to each other.

[The Worthy Patriarch and Candidate [illegible]]

[The Chaplain says:]

Chap. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon our friend and upon our Order forever.

[Division sing.]

Tune.—Peterborough.

Father of mercies! condescend
To hear our fervent prayer,
While now our Order we commend
To thy paternal care.

[The part known as the "Three Graces" may be introduced here. See page 77, Appendix.]

[The W. P. steps forward.]

W. P.* Confiding in your integrity, I now invest you with this regalia, and proclaim you a member of our Order.

Wear it as an emblem of Virtue—wear it proudly! In the name of this great Fraternity I charge you, defend it! By the recollection of the past, the dignity of the present, and the solemnity of the future, I invoke you to guard it from dishonor.

[*The W. P. may appoint a lady to perform this part.]

[W. P. resumes the chair. The W. A. steps forward.]

W. A. Welcome to this great Order!
And may it prove your glory and your shield.
High now is your position—
Responsible and great
The duties it involves.
The foes of Temperance, and the friends alike,
Will look to your example,
And judge the Cause by you;

Be faithful to the Cause, the cause of all mankind.

Be faithful to **yourself**,
For all our laws require,
Tend to **your** lasting good.

[Division sing.]

Tune.—America.

God hears the solemn vow—
It is recorded now.
In Heaven above.
That we may faithful be—
From all temptations free—
We humbly ask of thee,
Thou God of Love.

[The Con. leads the Initiate to the P. W. P. during the singing.]

Con. Past Worthy Patriarch—I here present.. .....who having been obligated and invested with the regalia of our Order, is respectfully referred to you for further instruction.

[The P. W. P. rises.]

P. W. P. From a favorable opinion entertained of you by this Division, you have been admitted to the privileges of our Order, and as a mark of esteem and confidence we extend to you an earnest and cordial welcome.

You will be expected to attend punctually our stated meetings; and are bound to obey our Laws and observe our Usages by the strongest of human ties—**your sacred honor.**

In the Division let your conduct exhibit frankness and courtesy. Above all, be careful to cultivate a forgiving spirit. Write the errors of these your

associates in sand; but engrave their virtues on the tablets of enduring memory, that you may learn to imitate them.

In defense of our principles, remember that unwavering Fidelity is a better advocate than violent denunciation. Avoid whatever would excite a suspicion of your constancy. Mingle with the votaries of folly only to reform them.

Let no consideration of personal regard induce you to recommend unsuitable persons for membership in our Order. Neither wealth, influential position in society, nor the most commanding talents, entitle them to approach our Circle, if they are wanting in integrity; but the upright and honest, however humble their position, shall be welcome; for integrity with us is of more price than silver and gold.

Ever bear in mind our Motto, as portrayed in the colors of the Order—the Red, the White, the Blue—expressive of Love, Purity and Fidelity:—Love for your associates in sickness and in health; Purity of heart and life; and Fidelity to the solemn and binding obligations you have this night voluntarily taken upon yourself.

And may the Great Patriarch above direct us to that haven of rest where Sorrow is never known, and where Love and Harmony reign forever.

[Division Sing.]

Tune.—Hebron.

Spirit of Love! benign and mild—
  Inspire our hearts—our souls possess:
Repel each passion rude and wild—
  And bless us, as we aim to bless.

[During the singing the Con. leads the newly initiated member to the center of the room, facing the Chaplain, who rises and says:]

Chap. My Friend. Of all things, Wisdom is profitable to man. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Tribulation and anguish shall come upon every son of man that doeth evil; but glory and honor and peace to him that worketh good.

Therefore, be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

There is no vice which swallows up so much of hope and happiness as Intemperance. It destroys the tenderest ties of social life, and exiles the sweet endearments of home. It breathes upon the holy affections, and they are blasted. It seizes the intellect and its divine lineaments are blotted out. It touches the manly frame, and it is clothed with corruption. The man of honor it betrays into infamy—the man of virtue into sin. It prostrates all that is great, and blights all that is good, in humanity.

Your name is now enrolled among the champions of Temperance. At her approach the fountain of domestic affection sends forth its streams more joyously, spreading the music of rippling waters among the green vales of home. She receives under her holy guardianship the loveliness of woman and the innocence of childhood, and they are protected from a sea of evil. She touches with her magic wand the delicate framework of the human body and it is clothed with new vigor and beauty. She breathes upon man's social nature and it blooms with a fresher and more charming fragrance. She sheds her mild radiance over the intellect and its light and glory beam forth with increasing brightness. "In her right hand is length of days; in her left hand riches and honor." Her cause is to be your cause,

her honor is confided to your keeping, and your rewards are to be gathered from her triumphs.

The light of a pure life is a beacon star of salvation—but a base example leads to death. Therefore, I charge you to do nothing whereby a member is tempted or made weak.

Remember that life is brief. Whatever your hands find to do for the good of mankind, do quickly; for the night cometh when no one can work.

May your course be full of joy to others—and when your own star shall set at life's close, may it set as the Morning Star, which goeth not down behind the darkened West, but melts away into the brightness of heaven!

[Four raps.]

[The officers (except the Sentinel and Con.) and Members form the Circle of Fraternity around the Conductor and Initiate, as follows:]

[The W. P. steps within the Circle.]

Tune.—Auld Lang Syne.

Once more we here the pledge renew
  Of strict Fidelity;
Still to our maxims ever true,
  To Love and Purity.

No unkind words our lips shall pass,
  No envy sour the mind;
But each shall seek the common weal
  The good of all mankind.

W. P. While we rejoice at our own deliverance, let us remember that the world has claims upon us. Intemperance is peculiarly a social evil. We therefore resist its terrible power by a social and fraternal Combination. We join hand in hand and heart to heart, in this Institution, to protect ourselves and meet a common foe with the victorious power of organization.

In the brothers and sisters here assembled, (join hands) you behold a type of our mission's fulfillment. This is a sober world in miniature; and we seek to enlarge this circle of sobriety until it shall embrace the entire race of man. Our Order is sight to the blind, strength to the weak, a shield to the innocent, a comfort, and blessing, and hope to all.

Relying, therefore, upon the greatness and justice of our cause, and the purity of our motives, we must move steadily forward until our purposes are accomplished. (Drop hands.)

I will now instruct you in the private work of the Order: Wishing to enter the Division after it is open you will present yourself at the outer door, and give an alarm. The ~~Inside~~ Sentinel will open the wicket and you will give the Password, which is (Gives it in a whisper). You then enter the ante-

(outside

room where you will clothe yourself in proper regalia and advance to the inner door and give one rap. The Inside Sentinel will open the wicket and you will give the Explanation, which is (Gives it in a whisper). This will admit you to the Division room. You advance to the center of the room and salute the P. W. P. in this manner. (Instruct in manner of making salutation.) It will be acknowledged by a slight bow. You will then take your seat.

Should you wish to retire while the Division is in session, you will salute the Past Worthy Patriarch in the same manner as when you enter.

In examination at the opening of the Division you will give the Password and Explanation complete to the Conductor or the Assistant Conductor.

The Password, with its Explanation, and the Entering Signal and the Salutation, will admit you to any Subordinate Division of our Order. The Password and Explanation are changed quarterly, and must be procured of the W. P. These words are to be given only to the Sentinels at their posts, to the Conductors in the discharge of their duties, and to the W. P. when required. This is to prevent imposition.

We also use a voting sign, which is the uplifted right hand.

One rap of the gavel calls the Division to order or seats it when standing. Two raps call up the officers, and three raps call up the Division.

And here I will remind you, that you are not to speak of the private affairs of our Order, nor mention aught that is spoken in the confidence of the Division room, in the presence of those who are not members, for they are under the sacred seal of your honor.

I congratulate you (taking the initiate by the hand) most cordially on your admission to our Order, and with the best wishes for your prosperity, I commend you to the friendship of its members. (Turning to the Division.) Brothers and sisters, receive your friend.

[The members all shake hands with the initiate while marching past, still preserving their places in the line, and following the lead of the W. P.]

[Division sings while greeting the candidate.]

Tune.—Sparkling and Bright.

Sparkling and bright in its liquid light,
  Is the water in our glasses;
'Twill give you health, 'twill give you wealth,
  Ye lads and rosy lasses!

Chorus:

O then resign your ruby wine,
  Each smiling son and daughter,
There's nothing so good for the youthful blood,
  Or sweet as the sparkling water.

Better than gold is the water cold,
  From the crystal fountain flowing;
A calm delight both day and night,
  To happy homes bestowing.
Chorus.

Sorrow has fled from the heart that bled—
  Of the weeping wife and mother,
They've given up the poisoned cup,
  Son, husband, daughter, brother.
Chorus.

[The W. P. resumes the chair and says:]

The Con. will escort the new member to the Financial Scribe to sign our Constitution or the Roll of Members.

[One rap.]

[After which the Conductor will instruct the new member in the manner of working in and out of the Division.]

Ceremony of Re-Obligation.

W. P. The Conductor will now present the Candidate for re-obligation.

W. P. My Friend: In an evil hour you violated the solemn obligation which you voluntarily took upon yourself when you united with our Order. Human nature is weak. If you would be faithful to this obligation in the future, you must be watchful and constantly seek Divine help. Avoid everything that leads you into temptation. Do not trust in your own strength alone. We desire to aid you. Keep in constant intercourse with the Division and its members.

[Three raps.]

W. P. Realizing your own weakness and earnestly invoking the help of God to aid you to be faithful, do you desire to renew your obligation of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks?

[Member answers: I do.]

W. P. Place your right hand on your heart and repeat after me:

I, without reserve, solemnly pledge my honor, in the presence of these witnesses, that I will neither make, buy, sell, nor use, as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider.

Chap. Thou God of all Grace, we invoke thy richest blessings upon our friend. Help him in times of temptation that he may be able to resist it. Keep him always faithful to his solemn vow now renewed before Thee. We ask it in His name.

[Sing:]

God hears the solemn vow—
It is recorded now
  In Heaven above.
That we may faithful be—
From all temptation free—
We humbly ask of thee,
  Thou God of Love.

[One rap.]

CLOSING SERVICE.

W. P. Financial Scribe, I will thank you to name the receipts of the evening.

[The F. S. announces the receipts, which the R. S. enters on the Minutes.]

[Three raps.]

W. P. Officers and Members: I thank you for your attendance this evening, and solicit your continued presence as the best safeguard of your own happiness, the interest of the Division, and the vows of those who look to you for an example.

The business we have transacted, and the sympathies and resolves we have cherished, will contribute, I trust to our individual and mutual advantage and to the prosperity of our noble Order.

Let us retire with kindly feelings toward each other.

Remember the Pledge, be faithful to your duties, and zealous in doing good.

We will now sing our Closing Ode.

Tune.—Auld Lang Syne.

A goodly thing it is to meet
  In Friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,
  Nor dims the radiant light.

No happier meeting earth can see
  Than where the joy we prove,
Of Temperance and Purity,
  Fidelity and Love.

Or,

Good night, good night to every one;
  Be each heart free from care;
May every member seek his home,
  And find contentment there.
May joy beam with to-morrow's sun,
  And every prospect shine,
While wife and friends laugh merrily
  Without the aid of wine.

[If desired the following may be used:]

W. P. You will now give attention to our Chaplain.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, we thank Thee for Thy goodness unto us since we came together at this time, and we pray Thee to forgive all our sins and bless and help us in every good work. If any of our members are in sickness, we pray Thee, if it be Thy holy will, to bless the means employed for their recovery. As we are about to separate, go with us to our homes, and make us all useful and good, for Christ our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

W. P. I now declare this meeting closed.

[One rap.]

Receiving a Member by Withdrawal or Clearance Card.

Worthy Patriarch. The Conductor will now retire, and introduce the Member who wishes to deposit his.....Card.

[The Worthy Patriarch gives three raps, and the Division Sings.]

"Hursley"—L.M.

Thrice welcome, members, here we meet,
  In friendship's close communion join'd;
Ye Sons of Temperance loud repeat
  Your triumphs with one heart and mind.

Conductor. Worthy Patriarch, I have the pleasure to present Brother ....., who desires to deposit his.....Card in this Division.

Worthy Patriarch. My Brother, we give you a cordial welcome. Not as a stranger do we receive you, but as a co-worker with us in this great and growing Organization. We recognize your coming among us as an indication of your desire to help on the work in which we are engaged: a work worthy of the best energies of the best men of our day—the destruction of the destroyer of millions. May we all remember that each has a duty to perform that cannot be discharged by another. Bear this in mind, and let us "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

We hope you will attend the Division on every convenient occasion, and help to make our intercourse pleasant and profitable; and while thus we greet you, we crown our greeting with the hope that the Hand Divine may guide us in the way of life, and finally bring us to that haven where sorrow is never known!

[One rap.]

Instituting a New Division.

[New Divisions should be opened by the Grand Officers when practicable. Sometimes, however, they are opened by a single delegate, who administers the Obligation, and then proceeds to the election of officers.

If the Grand Officers officiate, they should be addressed by their proper titles. If not, those who officiate should be addressed as Deputy Grand Officers with their appropriate titles.

Open as a Subordinate Division, making such alterations as the circumstances require, and omitting the Worthy Patriarch's charge to the Officers and members.]

G. W. P. We have met this evening for the purpose of diffusing the principles of Temperance and Benevolence.

[Three raps.]

[Division sing.]

Tune.—Portland.

Yes, we in those principles join,
And such shall our actions display;
Our hands and our hearts shall combine
To extend their beneficent sway.
Our laws we will ever respect,
Arise all contention above—
And stand by each other erect,
In Purity, Friendship and Love.

[One rap.]

G. W. P. I now declare this meeting of the Sons of Temperance open for the purpose of Instituting .....Division, No.....of the Grand Division of the State of.....

The Grand Conductor will see if the applicants are ready.

[The G. C. retires, and after ascertaining, returns and reports the names of those in waiting. If all correct the G. W. P. says:]

G. W. P. Some member will retire and introduce the applicants to the Grand Conductor—after which let them be presented.

[After the introduction, the member may return to the Division

When ready, the G. C. gives one knock on the door, and directs the G. Sentinel to announce that the applicants are ready.]

G. W. P. Admit them.

[Three raps.]

[The G. C. leads the applicants to the G. W. P.]

G. C. Grand Worthy Patriarch, in obedience to your instructions, I here present (reads the names), being the applicants to the Grand Division of the State of.....for a charter to open.....Division No.....of the Sons of Temperance.

G. W. P. My friends, your application has been favorably considered, and a charter has been granted, and we are now here for the purpose of consti-

tuting you a Division. I will claim your attention while the Grand Scribe reads the Charter, which will define your rights and privileges.

[One rap.]

[The G. S. reads the Charter or the Dispensation for the Charter. If there are any who have not been initiated, the G. W. P. says:]

G. W. P. Under this Charter, we will now proceed to initiate those who are not members of our Order.

[The G. C. leads the applicants, who have not been initiated, to the ante-room.]

[The Initiation follows, making such alterations as may be necessary.]

[After the Initiation, let all the applicants be presented.]

[Three raps.]

G. W. P. By authority in me invested, I proclaim .....Division, No.....of the Sons of Temperance, of the Grand Division of the State (or Province) of ....., legally constituted; and I now dedicate it to the cause of **Love, Purity and Fidelity.**

[Division sing.]

Tune.—Auld Lang Syne.

Our cause when first to light it burst,
  Reared by a dauntless few,
Appear'd so small, its early fall
  Our foes prepared to view;

But more and more, from shore to shore,
  Its influence shall extend,
Our flag unfurl'd around the world,
  Triumpant to the end.

Another band is reared to stand
  Among the brave array,
Before whose might, though hard the fight,
  Intemp'rance dies away;
Our glorious plan to rescue man
  From sorrow, vice and shame,
Still gathers strength, until at length,
  May it the world reclaim.

G. W. P. Brethren and Sisters—you are now fully authorized, under this Charter, to perform all the duties and Ceremonies of a Subordinate Division—and the Grand Division feels assured that in your keeping the Purity and Character of our Order will be fully sustained.

[One rap.

[Proceed to the election of officers.]

[Installation of officers, according to form, with such alterations as may be necessary.]

Note.—In the address for the Opening of a Division the presiding officer is not confined strictly to the words laid down, so long as the spirit is given.

Forms for Receiving Officers.

1. The Inside Sentinel announces to the Worthy Patriarch the name and title of the visitor.

2. The Worthy Patriarch directs the acting Past Worthy Patriarch to retire and introduce the visitor. As they enter, call up. They advance to the center of the room, and salute the W. P.

3. The Division sing, "Thrice welcome, Members," (page 33,) during which the Past Worthy Patriarch escorts the visitor to the Past Worthy Patriarch's chair, that being the post of honor.

4. On arriving there the P. W. P. says:

"Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members—I have the pleasure of presenting," etc.

The P. W. P. and visitor salute the W. P. The salutation is returned by the W. P. and Division. W. P. calls down.

5. A visitor desiring to retire before the meeting is regularly closed, should advance to the center and salute the Worthy Patriarch; the Division is then called up, and the salute is returned by all the members. The Division will remain standing until the visitor passes the Inside Sentinel.

6. A Deputy visiting, or any other official visitor from the National or a Grand Division, will be received in the same manner.

Note.—Perhaps nothing will tend to strengthen our Order more than paying suitable attention to visiting members. It is, therefore, very desirable that those visits should be frequent, and rendered as agreeable and interesting as possible.

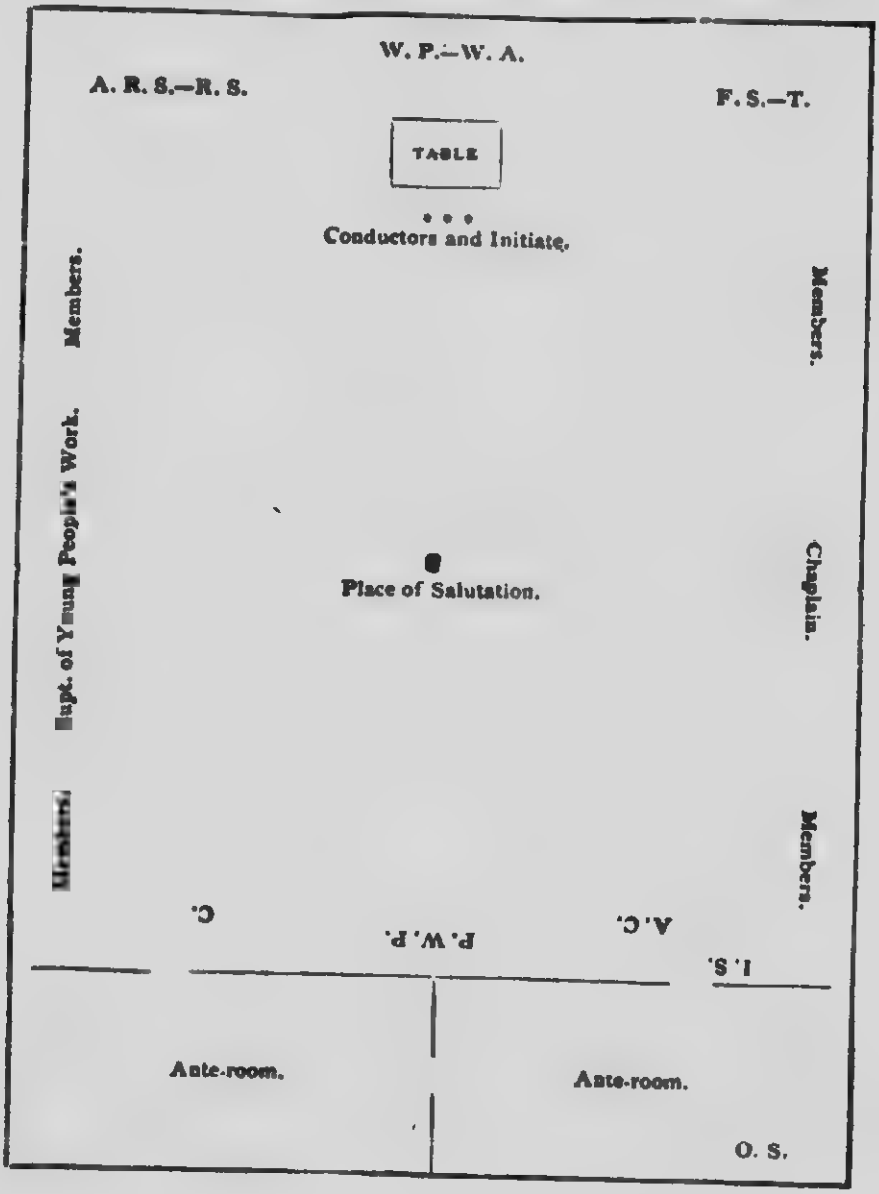
KEY

29	27	34	15
A	**B**	**C**	**D**
1	3	5	7
19	20	56	91
E	**F**	**G**	**H**
9	2	4	6
41	13	16	48
I	**J**	**K**	**L**
8	10	12	17
25	32	22	37
M	**N**	**O**	**P**
21	23	24	26
18	11	62	75
Q	**R**	**S**	**T**
28	30	31	33
88	99	14	61
U	**V**	**W**	**X**
35	36	38	40
	85	39	
	Y	**Z**	
	42	43	

Note.—The above is the plan for transmitting the Passwords, etc. Each letter is represented by the figures immediately above and below it. For instance: suppose the password to be "Order," it might be written thus—22, 11, 15, 19, 30—and by searching out the letters under or above each of these figures, the word is found.

DIAGRAM OF A DIVISION ROOM.

This page is intended to give an idea of the form of a Division, etc. The room sometimes will not allow the officers to be placed as they are here, particularly the sentinels. It is desirable, however, to conform as nearly as practicable.



PART II.

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PUBLIC CEREMONIES.

Installation Service.

[The Installation Service should be performed by the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Conductor, or a Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch and a Deputy Grand Conductor. If this cannot be done the Senior Past Worthy Patriarch may officiate, or the Division may select a Past Worthy Patriarch to officiate as Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch.]

[The Installing Patriarch is authorized to decide objections, subject to the approval of the Grand Worthy Patriarch; or, if thought proper, may allow the Officers of the previous Quarter to hold over until a decision shall be made.]

[The Installation Services may be performed publicly, but the salutation must then be omitted.]

[At the appointed time the G. C. approaches the inner door, and after giving the Entering Signal and Explanation, is announced (as G. .) by the I. S. to the W. P., who directs admission. On entering, the G. C. salutes the W. P.]

G. C. Worthy Patriarch, the Grand Worthy Patriarch (or Deputy G. W. P.) is prepared to Install the Officers of this Division; are you ready?

W. P. We are, Grand Conductor.

[The G. C. gives the salutation and retires.]

[The G. W. P. and G. C. approach the door, giving the Entering Signal and announce themselves to the I. S.]

I. S. Worthy Patriarch, the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Conductor are in waiting.

W. P. The Inside Sentinel will admit them.

[Four raps.]

[The G. W. P. and G. C. advance to the center of the room and salute the W. P., who, together with all the members, returns the Salutation. The following verse will be sung while the G. C. escorts the G. W. P. to the W. P.'s chair, the W. P. taking station on the right. The G. C. takes the Conductor's seat.]

[Division sing.]

Tune.—Bonnie Doon, or Duane Street.

Thrice welcome, members, here we meet,
  In Friendship's close communion joined;
We Sons of Temp'rance loud repeat
  Our triumphs with one heart and mind.
No angry passions here should mar
  Our peace, or move our social band,
For Friendship is our beacon star,
  Our motto, "Union, Hand in Hand."

[One rap.]

G. C. (Rising.) Officers and Members: According to usage, we meet you here this evening to Install your officers. Have they been constitutionally elected?

W. P. They have.

G. C. The Recording Scribe will please announce them.

[The R. S. announces their names, and the offices to which they have been elected.]

G. C. If any one is aware of just reason why these members should not be inducted into the offices as-

signed to them, there is now an opportunity to announce it. (If no reply.) There being no objection, I proclaim them eligible to Installation.

[The W. P. appoints two members who are not officers-elect to act as O. S. and I. S.]

[The W. P. delivers to the G. W. P. the Badge, Charter, Blue Book, and other property belonging to the office.]

G. W. P. The Grand Conductor will escort the Past Worthy Patriarch to the station of honor.

The officers will now retire from their stations and deliver to the G. C. their books, implements and emblems of office, leaving them at their stations.

[The G. C. receives from the remaining officers their books and emblems of office.]

G. W. P. The officers elect will now divest themselves of Regalia, or official emblems, and, in company with the Grand Conductor, retire to the ante-room. The Inside Sentinel will allow them to pass.

They retire. The G. C. arranges them as follows: W. P., W. A., Chaplain, Superintendent of Young People's Work, R. S. and A. R. S.—F. S. and Treas.—Con. and A. C.—I. S. and O. S.—arm in arm. When ready, the G. C. directs the acting I. S. to announce it. The G. W. P. orders them to be admitted.

The G. C., with officers elect, enter and walk around the room; when the singing is finished the G. C. and officers should stand facing the W. P. They should remain standing when the Division is called down.

[Three raps. Division sing:]

Tune.—Auld Lang Syne.

Whatever station we may fill
In this exalted band,
Our plighted duties we shall still
Achieve, with heart and hand;
And ever more, through good and ill,
By one another stand—
Whatever station we may fill
In this exalted band.

[One rap.]

G. Con. Grand Worthy Patriarch—the officers elect.

G. W. P. You will please assume the position in which all Sons of Temperance are obligated and give your assent by answering "**I do,**" at the close of your obligation.

Outside Sentinel.

You solemnly promise to guard faithfully the outer door; to admit no one without the Quarterly Password, unless by permission of the Worthy Patriarch, and to perform all other duties belonging to the office of Outside Sentinel during the term of your election.

Inside Sentinel.

You solemnly promise to guard the inner door of this Division; to allow no one to enter or retire during the Opening, Initiatory or Closing Ceremonies—to admit no one at any time without the Entering

Signal, and the Explanation to the Quarterly Password, unless directed so to do by the Worthy Patriarch; and faithfully to perform all other duties belonging to the office of Inside Sentinel during the term of your election?

Assistant Conductor.

You solemnly promise to render timely assistance to the Conductor; to carefully examine all on the left at the opening of the Division, and report those incorrect to the Worthy Patriarch; and that you will faithfully perform all other duties belonging to the office of Assistant Conductor, during the term of your election?

Conductor.

You solemnly promise to carefully examine every person on the right at the opening of the Division, and report any incorrect to the Worthy Patriarch; and that you will faithfully perform all other duties belonging to the office of Conductor during the term of your election?

Treasurer.

You solemnly promise to hold in trust all moneys of this Division, until the expiration of your term, unless otherwise ordered by the Division; to pay promptly therefrom all orders drawn by the Worthy Patriarch, attested by the Recording Scribe; to keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and

expended; give the Division a quarterly statement of the funds; deliver up to your successor in office, or any other person duly authorized to receive them, at the close of your term, or earlier, if called upon so to do, all moneys, books, papers, and other property of the Division in your possession or under your control; and to perform such other duties as Treasurer as the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of this Division require?

Financial Scribe.

You solemnly promise to keep just and true accounts between this Division and its members; credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the Treasurer immediately; perform faithfully and promptly, to the best of your ability, all other duties belonging to the office of Financial Scribe, and deliver up, at the expiration of your term, all books, papers, and other documents belonging to the Division in your possession.

Assistant Recording Scribe.

You solemnly promise to render such proper and timely aid to the Recording Scribe as that officer or the Division may require?

Recording Scribe.

You solemnly promise to keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of this Division; notify all Subordinate Divisions not more than ten miles from

this place, within four weeks after, of the name, occupation, and residence of every person expelled from this Division; make out at the end of your term, for the Division, a full report of the proceedings during your term, and also the Quarterly Return for the Grand Division; perform all other duties belonging to the office of Recording Scribe; and deliver up at the expiration of your term, all books, papers, or other property in your possession belonging to your office?

Superintendent of Young People's Work.

You solemnly promise to supervise the work for children in this Division; to maintain at all times, if not absolutely impossible, a juvenile organization in connection with the Division? (see page 7.) You also promise to present in writing at the close of your term a report of the work performed and the results accomplished?

Chaplain.

You promise to conduct the devotional exercises of this Division and perform all other duties belonging to the office of Chaplain during your term of office.

Receive this Book (presenting Bible to Chaplain), the Book of books, within whose pages are found lessons of wisdom and words of sympathy eminently adapted to meet every degree of hope, joy, or sorrow, and fitted to reach every nation, and every station in life.

Worthy Associate.

You solemnly promise to counsel and support the Worthy Patriarch in the discharge of duty, and offi-

ciate during the absence of that officer; and that you will perform all other duties belonging to the office of Worthy Associate to the best of your judgment and ability, during the term of your election?

G. W. P. Officers: Your associates, confiding in your integrity and honor, and in your devotion to the cause of temperance, have chosen you to manage the affairs of this Division during the present term. You have cheerfully taken the obligation of office, and you will at once enter upon the discharge of your important duties.

The Worthy Patriarch, whose installation is to follow, is the head of this Division; respect and honor him (or her) as such. To make this official term the happiest and most successful in the history of the Division, will require not only wisdom and vigilance, but united, fraternal, harmonious action on your part.

Every office is important; every officer should be faithful. If you neglect your duty, our ceremonies will be imperfect and incomplete. Keep ever in view the welfare of our Order. Let your character and demeanor be such as to fully justify the confidence of your associates.

In your varied duties be diligent and impartial; in your judgment of others, and in all discussions, be charitable; in everything—always and everywhere—be courteous and faithful, that those who follow your leadership may become earnest, useful citizens and loyal Sons of Temperance.

May you prove worthy of the honors conferred upon you, and may the qualities that adorn the highest station be yours to such an extent that peace and joy shall crown your own lives.

The Grand Conductor will escort you to your stations and invest you with the emblems of your respective offices.

[Organ Voluntary.]

Worthy Patriarch.

G. W. P. The Grand Conductor will now present to me the Worthy Patriarch elect.

G. C. Grand Worthy Patriarch,.....having been constitutionally exalted to the honorable station of Worthy Patriarch of this Division, is here respectfully presented for Installation.

G. W. P. You are now about to be inducted as the head of this Division—a station of trust, honor, and responsibility; and when viewed as the freewill offering of your associates, it indeed affords a gratifying illustration of the position you hold in their confidence and esteem.

You will place your right hand on your heart, while I administer the Obligation of your Office.

You solemnly promise, in the presence of the members here assembled, that you will promptly and just-

ly perform the duties of Worthy Patriarch of this Division, to the best of your judgment and ability, for the term of your election; during which you will not permit any infringement on the Constitution of the Grand Division, the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, or the Rules, Ceremonies and Usages of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and that you will at all times, [illegible] the utmost of your power, support the dignity of the Grand Division?

You furthermore promise to allow none to visit this Division but members thereof, without the Quarterly Password and Explanation, unless vouched [illegible] by a member of the Order in good standing—or [illegible] Traveling Password and Explanation, and the Entering Signal and Salutation—and that you will not countenance, directly or indirectly, or be present at the opening or at the session of any Division purporting to be Sons of Temperance, unless you are fully satisfied it is in possession of a legal and unforfeited Charter?

You furthermore promise that you will promptly deliver up all property belonging to this Division in your possession or under your control, to your successor in office, the Grand Worthy Patriarch, or the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch, when called upon so to do?

W. P. I do.

[Three raps.]

[G. W. P. proceeds.]

Sharing the confidence in your integrity and worth, of which the suffrage of your associates has given so distinguishing an instance, it is with great satisfaction that I invest you with the emblem of office.

I also place in your possession the Charter of your Division—(presents it) together with the Blue Book and other papers containing the private Forms and Ceremonies (presents them)—and the Book of Constitutions (presents it)—with a desire that you will make yourself thoroughly acquainted with each of them, that innovation may be avoided, and the solemn Obligation sacredly maintained which you have this night, of your own free will and accord, taken upon yourself.

Lastly, Worthy Patriarch, I present you with the Gavel—(presents it)—an emblem of your authority, which it is hoped you will ever exercise with due prudence and fraternal regard While decision and energy are highly desirable to your station, dignified and courteous demeanor is absolutely necessary.

I will now conduct you to your seat, and you will at once enter upon the arduous and responsible, yet honorable, duties of your office.

[Division sing.]

Tune.—Auld Lang Syne.

Whatever station we may hold
Among the sons of earth—
If high in honor, rich in gold,
Or humble from our birth—
In virtue only we behold
The standard of our worth,
Whatever station we may hold
Among the sons of earth.

[One rap by W. P.]

[The W. P. may here address the Division.]

[The G. W. P. gives the W. P. the new Password, etc. If there is anything else to be communicated to the W. P. or to the Division, the G. W. P. communicates it at this time.]

G. W. P. Worthy Patriarch, you will please call up the Division.

[Three raps.]

Brothers and Sisters: The officers whom you have chosen will serve until their successors are duly elected and installed, and it is hoped and expected that their efforts to maintain good order and decorum will receive your cheerful and prompt co-operation.

Never lose sight of the solemn obligation you have taken to promote the harmony, advance the interest, and preserve unsullied the reputation of the Sons of Temperance. Let the Emblem of our Order ever recall to your minds the three cardinal principles upon which our Institution rests, namely, Love, Purity and Fidelity, that the Star of Temperance may shine the brighter in the light of your virtues.

[One rap.]

[The other officers may here address the Division.]

Dedication Ceremony.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

DIRECTIONS.

The G. W. P. or D. G. W. P. should preside at the Dedication of Halls, if practicable.

A large glass vase filled with water should be placed in front of the presiding officer.

The officers occupying their usual seats, except the W. P., who sits on the right of the presiding officer.

The officers to whom parts are assigned are W. P., W. A., C., A. C. and P. W. P., besides the presiding officer. The Responses should also be performed by these officers, great care being taken to speak deliberately and together.

It is very important that good readers, as well as good voices, should fill the offices on the occasion of a Dedication.

It is also important that the singing should be well performed, and, if practicable, accompanied with instrumental music.

[The W. P. takes the chair, and after calling to order, addresses the Officer who is to dedicate the Hall.]

Grand Worthy Patriarch: Our Division having fitted up this hall for their convenience, are here to-night with their friends to have it dedicated. For that purpose I respectfully invite you, as the Representative of the Grand Division, to occupy the chair.

[The W. P. calls up. Members sing, during which the G. W. P. takes the chair. The W. P. takes a station on his right.]

Tune.—Bonnie Doon.

Thrice welcome, members; here we meet,
  In Friendship's close communion joined;
Ye Sons of Temperance, loud repeat
  Your triumphs with one heart and mind.
No angry passions here should mar
  Our peace, or move our social band;
For Friendship is our beacon star—
  Our motto—Union, hand in hand.

[The Chaplain's services may here be performed.]

[The G. W. P. calls down and says:]

Brethren, and Ladies and Gentlemen: The occasion which calls us together is one which should elicit a hearty response from the wise and philanthropic.

We come to celebrate no pagan rites or unmeaning ceremonies. Universal Temperance and discriminating Benevolence are the objects we would promote. We seek the good not only of those who are bound to us by the silken cords of Fraternity, but, in the broadest sense, the good of all mankind.

Every Division we establish, every Hall we dedicate, serves as a beacon light to warn the unsuspecting voyager on life's tempestuous sea of the shoals and quicksands, the rocks and whirlpools of Intemperance; while it indicates the only sure refuge, the secure harbor of Total Abstinence from everything that can intoxicate.

But for the influence of the Division whose hall we are now assembled to dedicate, some present or their children might be wrecked.

All, then, are interested in our Order. Our gates are only closed to the unworthy.

We will now proceed with the dedicatory services.

[G. W. P. gives two raps. W. P., W. A., C., A. C., and P. W. P. rise.]

P. W. P. Says: Wherefore do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and the fruit of your labor for that which satisfieth not? Harken diligently to the words of Truth! Be wise, and drink not.

C. Says: Fermented liquors were used to a limited extent in the earliest ages of the world. Alcohol was unknown until about the seventh century, when it was discovered by the Arabians.

There is no evidence that distilled spirit was even used as a medicine until the thirteenth century. During that period, a physician in the south of Europe, believing he had discovered a universal remedy, prescribed it freely. Besides curing every ill, it was thought to prolong the vital powers; hence, it was called the Water of Life.

P. W. P. Fatal delusion! What a blessing to the world had it been shunned as the Water of Death—death temporal, and death spiritual!

A. C. Soon after, it was believed that alcohol would not only cure diseases, but prevent them, and

persons in health began to use it without restraint. From that time the fatal error continued to extend among the nations of the earth.

P. W. P. Upon all sexes and conditions, in every season and clime, its effects have been the same—withering—blasting—crushing!

G. W. P. Says: We have seen man in the pride of his strength, the glow of health mantling his cheek, the fire of intellect beaming from his eye, and pure benevolence lightening up every feature. Visions of earthly bliss animated his soul, and anticipations of hope irradiated his countenance.

The wife of his bosom prided herself in the nobleness of his nature, and admired the dignity of virtue that encompassed him like a robe. His children regarded him with filial reverence, and bowed submissively to the wishes of a parent honored and beloved.

We have seen intemperance, like a pestilence, blasting the fair face of nature, scattering death and dismay around it, and prostrate this man of health, and intellect, and benevolence.

Over the sad and appalling spectacle, wife, children, friends, sorrowed in bitterness of soul, for there appeared no power on earth to save.

When, lo! a voice sweet as the golden harps of heaven, came from the blissful regions of Temperance, declaring in accents of mercy:

Response. The chains of the enthralled are broken and the intemperate captive is free.

[Call up and sing:]

Tune.—Hebron.

Spirit of love, benign and mild,
  Inspire our hearts, our souls possess,
Repel each passion rude and wild,
  And bless us, as we aim to bless.

[Call down—the six officers remain standing.]

G. W. P. Listen to the golden pages of Holy Writ.

W. P. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Response. Look not upon the wine.

W. A. Woe unto them that rise up early and follow strong drink, that continue until night, till wine inflame them.

Response. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

W. P. The Priest and the Prophet, through wine and strong drink, have erred in vision and stumbled in judgment.

W. A. Woe unto them that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him, that maketh him drunken.

W. P. No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.

G. W. P. Harken to the revelations of Science.

P. W. P. All use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is an abuse. They are mischievous under all circumstances; more destructive to human happiness than war, pestilence, or famine.

G. W. P. In health there is no such thing as a temperate use of intoxicating drinks. In any quantity they are an enemy to the human constitution. They produce weakness, not strength—sickness, not health—death, not life!

C. A laboring man no more needs alcoholic liquors than he needs arsenic, corrosive sublimate, opium.

A. C. Facts are abundant to prove that those who do not use them are healthier, and can endure greater hardship than those who do.

P. W. P. There is no nourishment in them. In all their forms and degrees of strength they are an indigestible, irritating poison, forever at war with man's nature, often resulting in inflammation, ulceration, mortification, cancer, and other organic affections.

G. W. P. More than half the sudden deaths are occasioned by intemperance. Nine out of ten who die suddenly after drinking cold water in warm

weather are killed by alcoholic liquors. More than nine out of ten of those frozen to death in cold weather are the victims of strong drink.

P. W. P. Besides producing disease, the use of intoxicating liquors often renders such diseases as arise from other causes more difficult to cure and more fatal in their termination.

G. W. P. The appetite formed by alcohol is not like the natural appetite for bread, or water, or any nourishing food or drink. What satisfied the natural appetite years ago will satisfy it still. Not so the appetite created by alcohol; the quantity must be increased. It forever cries, "Give! Give!" and is never satisfied.

W. P. Though a father should overcome such an appetite he may have entailed misery and ruin upon his children, and his children's children, for diseases arising from drinking intoxicating liquors are likely to become hereditary, even to the fourth generation.

P. W. P. In truth, those who begin the use of intoxicating liquors, commence a process of suicide, by requiring the organs to perform an increased amount of labor, while at the same time their strength is diminished. Thus they are necessarily worn out before the time.

G. W. P. Give ear to the dark records of the Criminal Calendar.

P. W. P. The keepers of our prisons testify that fully three-fourths of those under their custody owe their degradation to intemperance. Our judges inform us that more than three-fourths of those convicted of the horrid crime of murder justly attribute their sad fate to intemperance.

G. W. P. Intemperance has entered the Halls of Science, and cast the pall of darkness over the brightest intellect, enshrouding the image of Divinity in eternal night. It has entered the Halls of Legislation, and so perverted the judgment of rulers that they have armed it with the sanction of the Law—thus augmenting its frightful power, and making the State a partner in the guilt. It has entered the Courts of Justice, and corrupted those sworn to administer the laws in righteousness. It has entered the temples of the Most High, and with a sacrilegious hand robbed Heaven of priceless jewels.

What household, what community, what State, can say, We are free from the taints of Alcohol? No circumstance of love or friendship, birth or intellect, wealth or power, has proved sufficient to protect man from this desolating scourge—no place so high or lowly as to be secure from its ravages.

This widespread and stupendous evil has but one source:

Response. Moderate Drinking!

G. W. P. It has but one remedy:

Response. Total Abstinence now, Total Abstinence forever!

G. W. P. Therefore have we formed this Temperance Fraternity, destined, we trust, like the sun in the heavens, to be the herald of light and life, plenty and cheerfulness, to every region.

Response. This shall be our aim.

G. W. P. But is Temperance the only virtue enjoined by our Order?

P. W. P. No! It is the sacred duty of Sons of Temperance, in every position of life, to be honest, industrious and humane; to seek the common good of mankind; to seek each other's happiness and welfare; to extend a brother's hand and a brother's welcome in the hour of adversity or sorrow; to visit the sick, comfort the widow, and protect the orphan.

W. P. As the rain and the snow cometh down from heaven to water the earth, and make it bud and bring forth seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall good actions fall softly upon the minds of men, and gently lead them within the gates of virtue.

G. W. P. And so shall the Sons of Temperance, by reflecting the genial influences of our Order upon

the world, induce his fellow-mortal to travel with him in the pleasant and peaceful paths of Love, Purity and Fidelity.

[Call up and sing:]

Tune.—Rockingham.

While others raise to vice a fane,
  And deck the gay, voluptuous hall,
Where throng the giddy, sensual, vain,
  To dissipate at fashion's call:

While some open wide the rich saloon—
  Adorned, without regard to cost,
To lure the young—and where, too soon,
  All that is prized on earth is lost:

Not so the Sons of Temperance meet—
  Far higher objects call us here;
With songs of praise our friends we greet,
  While we fair Honor's Temple rear.

Sing, brothers, sing, with hearts elate—
  Join in the paeans of the free,
As now this hall we dedicate,
  To Virtue, Love and Purity!

[During the singing the G. W. P. takes up the vase of water and advances to the front of the stand. The officers form a circle round him.]

G. W. P. (Sprinkling the floor): In the name of the Order, I now solemnly dedicate this Hall of Love!

Response. Love to our associates in sickness and in health.

G. W. P. Love is the highest attainment of the human mind, the purest and most exalted living principle that inhabits the heart and allies man to

his Maker. It is Love that impels the Sons of Temperance to warn his fellow-man from error's path; to seek the inebriate's wretched home, and by words of kindness and hope encourage him to a life of honor. It is Love that binds us together in fraternal bonds, holding, as we do, various political opinions and religious creeds. It is Love that prompts us to open the hand of kindness to a brother's wants; to watch by his couch in sickness; to wipe from his brow the dew of death; and at last to bear his remains to the solemn place "appointed for all the living."

In the objects we have before us, in all our efforts to accomplish them, let Love cheer us on—Love to man, however fallen or degraded—"Love for our members in sickness and in health,"—to which Love I solemnly dedicate this Hall!

[Sing:]

Tune.—America.

Our Father—God above.
Spirit of Truth and Love
    Whom all adore!
On us thy Spirit send,
Prove each a faithful friend,
And may this cause extend
    From shore to shore!

G. W. P. (Sprinkling): I now solemnly dedicate this Hall to Purity!

Response. Purity of intention strictly to carry out the objects for which we are united.

G. W. P. These objects refer only to what is good toward man, and lovely in a happy state of society. They are the offspring of Love, and far removed from the cold and cruel selfishness which "passes by on the other side," and leaves the sufferer in his anguish. Sinister and mercenary motives, selfish and ambitious schemes, should never be connected with our Order. Strictly to carry out principles, to warn the unsuspecting, recover the lost, succor the tempted, aid the needy, demand a "purity of intention" such as can bear the exposure of the sunlight—a Purity as transparent as the sparkling streams that gush from the mountain side to slake the thirst of man. To such Purity I solemnly dedicate this Hall.

[Sing:]

Tune.—Boylston.

Blest be the tie that binds
  Our hearts in purest love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
  Is like to that above.

G. W. P. (Sprinkling): I now solemnly dedicate this Hall to Fidelity.

Response. Fidelity to Total Abstinence and all the binding obligations we have voluntary taken upon ourselves.

G. W. P. These obligations do not interfere with our duties to our families, with our religious opinions, or political preferences. Our obligations to the Order demands every proper effort to promote the

blessings of Temperance, an inviolable secrecy of the private transactions of our fraternity, and Fidelity to our generous and exalted endeavors. By this Fidelity virtue shall triumph, and mankind shall be redeemed from the dominion of vice.

In conclusion, I solemnly dedicate this Hall to the trio of Love, Purity and Fidelity, and may Peace and Prosperity dwell within these walls! May an influence go out from this Temple of Fraternity that shall hasten the happy period when the waste places shall be made glad, and the wilderness blossom as the rose—when Mercy and Truth shall meet together, and Righteousness and Peace shall kiss each other.

[Sing:]

Tune.—Auld Lang Syne.

Once more we here the pledge renew
  Of strict Fidelity,
Still to our maxims ever true—
  In Love and Purity!

No unkind words our lips shall pass,
  No envy sour the mind;
But each will seek the common weal,
  The good of all mankind.

Funeral Ceremony.

The practice of funeral rites in honor of the dead has been general in all ages and among all nations. With the free nations of antiquity, the burial of those who had been distinguished in their lives for their martial courage or civic virtues, was conducted under the authority of the State with the greatest pomp and magnificence; and the precepts of their religion enjoined that the body of the humblest citizen should receive the last sad office that can be performed by the living for the dead, with all due solemnities.

These funeral rites, however, have not been uniform. They have varied with the changes of religious belief—sometimes uniting a sacrifice with a ceremony, under the delusive hope that the departed spirit might receive pleasure by the honors bestowed on the body it had inhabited, or gain consequence in the shadowy land in which it had taken up its abode. But with us, we expect not "honor's voice to provoke the silent dust," or the most affectionate attention "to sooth the dull, cold ear of death." Their observance manifests the respect of the living for the memory of the dead and furnishes an opportunity for the exercise of sympathy for the bereaved, and kindness and aid to the suffering and distressed.

Among Christian nations the order for the burial of the dead, though usually short, and without any external pageantry, is, nevertheless, exceedingly affecting, and is calculated to make a deep and lasting impression, even upon the most thoughtless. In the rehearsal of the funeral service, death speaks and points to his triumphs; a voice comes up from the cold and inanimate clay, so recently warm with life and buoyant with hope, and the grave tells of the lonely companionship of the beetle and the worm, in the darkness and silence of its dreary chambers.

As our institution is highly moral in all its ends and objects—as its design is to restrain all the evil passions of the human heart, and to improve and elevate those qualities which dignify and ennoble our nature—it would seem highly appropriate for us to have burial ceremonies peculiar to our Order, and adapted to advance the great designs we hope to accomplish.

The presiding officer of a Division, having received notice of the death of a Son of Temperance within the jurisdiction of his Division, and the time and place of interment, will, with the consent of the family or friends of the deceased, cause the Division to be convened for the necessary arrangements. The presiding officer of the Division of which the deceased was a member, may invite as many Divisions to unite in the ceremony as he thinks proper; but the whole must be under his direction, unless he chooses

to delegate it to another. He may call upon any grave and worthy brother to perform the services for him. In case the deceased was not a member of any of the attending Divisions, the ceremonies are to be conducted by the presiding officer of the oldest Division, unless he waives his right, or unless the G. W. P., or a D. G. W. P., or some P. G. W. P. be present, any of whom may perform the ceremony.

Uniformity of dress should be observed, if convenient. Black clothing and black gloves would be most appropriate with the proper badge of mourning, which is hereby declared to be the badge of the Order, with the rosette embossed or laid in crape.

When the brethren have assembled at the Division Room, the Division will be opened, and the presiding officer will state the object of the meeting, and appoint Marshals to conduct the procession. After these preliminary arrangements are made, a procession will be formed and march to the residence of the deceased. The different Divisions, when there are more than one, will take rank according to age, except that the Division of which the deceased was a member, or the one which has charge of the ceremony, will walk nearest to the body of the dead.

The ceremony may be performed, either all of it at the residence of the deceased, or all of it at the grave; or part of it at the house, and part of it at the grave. If the ceremony be performed partly at

the house and partly at the grave, the following Scripture and responses will be recited at the house.

The Presiding Officer of the Division, or, under his direction, the Chaplain, shall say:

W. P., or Chap. "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"

Response by the Members. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also like a shadow, and continueth not."

Chap. "Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? Are not his days also like the days of a hireling?"

Response. "Our days on earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding."

Chap. "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Response. "I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord: "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Chap. "What is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away."

Response. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Chap. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away."

Response. "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

[Here the body of the deceased will be received into the procession and borne to the grave, at the head of which the Chaplain or person conducting the ceremony will take his stand and say:]

Brethren: It has pleased the great Disposer of events to remove one of our Fraternity from the stage of his earthly being, by the solemn and impressive providence of death. The places that knew him shall know him no more. We shall miss him henceforth from the circles of our fellowship and the walks of our daily life. Under this bereavement our hearts are stricken with a common grief. We mourn this day the absence of a brother (or a sister) fallen asleep in the slumbers of the grave.

But while we thus sorrow, it becomes us to bow in submission to that sovereign Hand that has made this breach in our ranks, to acknowledge our own frailty and dependence, and to entreat for ourselves timely preparation for death and eternity. We are affectingly reminded, by this new instance of mortaliy, that we are all alike journeying to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," and shall, one by one, lie down in the narrow house appointed for all the living. Let each of us suffer this monition of Providence, and lay the lesson solemnly to heart.

[Here, if the ceremony be performed at the grave, the body will be deposited in its resting place.]

The mortal remains of our brother (or sister) we commit to the ground—his spirit to God, who gave it. Whatsoever in him was lovely and of good report we give to the safekeeping of faithful memory; his errors we consign to the embrace of oblivion. To the kindred and friends who share with us in this afflictive event, we would tender the assurance of our most cordial sympathy, and in obedience to that divine principle of our Order which bids us "weep with them that weep," would mingle our tears with theirs in this hour of mourning.

Let us pray.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

May it please thee to bestow upon us the gift of thy grace, that we may be comforted in this our sorrow, suitably affected by this impressive admonition of the shortness and uncertainty of life, and quickened in every good word and work as we see how surely "the night cometh."

We beseech thee to sustain and console the hearts made desolate by this bereavement. The Lord bless them, and keep them. The Lord make his face to shine upon them, and be gracious unto them. The Lord lift up his countenance and give them peace.

Help thy servants before thee so to act their part and fulfill their calling on earth as through thy grace to be accepted of thee continually, and after this life to attain to immortal felicity in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Over this beloved dust, soon to mingle with the common earth, we speak our last adieu to the departed: Brother (or sister), farewell!

[The procession moves past the grave, and each couple, as they pass, repeat the salutation, "Brother (or sister), farewell!"]

Appendix.

[The following may be used if desired, as indicated at page 20.]

[The three graces, Love, Purity and Fidelity, preferably represented by three young ladies, may be robed in white, with sashes, red for Love; white for Purity; and blue for Fidelity—each bearing a staff or wand. They will quietly retire to the ante-room as the candidate is admitted, and robing themselves be prepared to enter at the proper time.]

[An alarm is heard at the inner door.]

W. P. Who gives this signal?

I. S. Worthy Patriarch, three messengers bearing words of counsel and good cheer, desire admission.

W. P. Let them be admitted.

[The three graces enter and take position about the altar, Love to the right; Purity in front of the W. P., and Fidelity to the left, forming the points of a triangle.]

W. P. Gentle graces we await your message.

Love. I am sent to bless the family of man on the earth; for I will visit the sick, lift up the fainting head and cheer the failing heart. I will caution the tempted, raise up the poor drunkard and tell him to be again a man. I will watch by the bedside of the suffering, and smooth the pillow of the dying, and will whisper the words of everlasting life. Such is Love's mission to earth.

Purity. I am sent to show the children of earth how to be spotless in heart and life. Though their sins be as scarlet, though they be red like

crimson, they may be as wool. I would instill the gentle lesson of Purity into the hearts of all.

Fidelity. I am sent to earth to teach men to have faith in God, and to perform their duty faithfully, one to another. The world where they dwell is full of misery, because they do not obey the commandments of their Maker. They fall into excess and intemperance and convert even the sweet cane and the finest of the wheat into poisons which kill a multitude of men. I will show them that in the practice of Fidelity they will reap a rich reward.

[As the Three Graces slowly retire the P. W. P. says:]

P. W. P. Go not one, but all ye fair spirits of heaven and bear the holy message to the Sons and Daughters of Earth. Tell them to be loving, pure and faithful.

[The W. P. steps forward.]